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## AU REVOIR BUT NOT GOOD-BYE

With this issue the Northern California conference becomes solely responsible for The Pacific. For the past three or four years there has been a working agreement between the two conferences whereby the Southern California Conference was assigned half of the space in return for which subscriptions were to be pushed in Southern California and $150 per year was provided toward the deficit.

It has now seemed wise to the officials of the Southern Conference to discontinue this relationship. However, we trust that the individual subscribers and churches will continue to send in their news and subscriptions. The office of the Northern California Conference has appreciated this relationship and wishes it might continue. Nevertheless, it feels that there is no great loss without some small gain. We have been greatly cramped for space in the past, and we will now have room for departments devoted to the Women's Work, the Young People's Work, and the various committees which are serving our common cause. Churches and pastors are invited to send in news promptly and regularly.

## A Church For Today

A church that is alive to its opportunity, would be a fitting caption for the Grace-Trinity Center United Church. It would be a revelation to many Christian people to learn that a single church is carrying out such a large number of activities as does that church:

1. A Food Depot where unemployed may secure food stuffs at wholesale price in retail lots, in co-operation with the "Economic Conservation League of America." The depot is open three days and evenings each week. Men and women of the church serve as salesmen.

2. A Sewing Depot, in co-operation with the Citizens' Committee for Unemployed San Franciscans. These women (paid by Citizens' Committee) repair and remake old clothes which are distributed through the Church Child Welfare Section, free. The church women supervise the work and provide daily lunch for the workers—three days a week.

3. Christmas Baskets, in co-operation with The San Francisco Chronicle, the church packed and distributed 2,800 Christmas baskets, worth six dollars each. Fund raised by public subscription through The Chronicle. For eight days the Gym at the Center became a wholesale grocery.

4. 165 put in touch with employment in three months.

5. Year round work of Child Welfare.

6. Year round Well Baby Clinic.

7. Year round Day Nursery.

8. Year round free Legal Clinic.

9. Vacation School gives children picnics, Pacific Coast Baseball League Games, a trip around San Francisco Bay in boat provided by the U. S. Navy, etc.

10. Regular Sunday Morning broadcast over K. P. O. serves thousands of "shut-ins" throughout the Pacific Coast states. Printed radio service is mailed to all who request, that, in their homes they may join in reading of scriptures, hymns and prayers.

For the first eight months of the federation a total attendance at the morning services was 16,106, for the evening services 18,464, for the department of education, including Sunday School, Vacation School and clubs 33,764. There was a total attendance for all activities of 99,283.

## THE FUTURE AND THE PAST

### A MESSAGE BY THE MODERATOR

*Will the future of Congregationalism match its past? An affirmative answer is by no means easy. Tomorrow grows out of today, and the honest observer fails to discover much that is encouraging in the present state of the Pilgrim Church. In common with the other Protestant groups our congregations are dwindling. The week-end is a growing custom. Summer vacations are becoming longer. The non-Catholic population in our communities is increasingly non-churchgoing. The members of the intelligentsia are, on the whole, frankly uninterested in the Church. There are multitudes of average Americans to whom religion, as interpreted by the Church, has ceased to have any meaning.*

*One of the most dangerous symptoms in the situation is that we are not sure it does have a meaning. Analyze our sermons. With the exception of denominational propaganda, they deal with subjects which speakers before luncheon clubs, forums and women's clubs present with at least equal intelligence and interest. Moreover, fairness compels the admission that there is little difference between the high-minded church member and the high-minded man who is frankly uninterested. The former gives for Missions, but the second usually gives more to the Red Cross and the Community Chest.*

*If Congregationalism is to have a future worthy of its past, it must speak truth not spoken elsewhere, with unique emphasis. It must create a type of personality different from the crowd. It must be able to show men the way to spiritual peace and power. Otherwise its strength at home will dwindle and its missionary zeal will fail.*

*The day of the conventional church has past. The times call for constructive adventurousness, in thought and in program. We must find God so that men can believe in Him, and we must present Him in such a way that they will.*

*We can not do this without stronger leadership. We must free our ministry from the economic and spiritual depression resulting from our inefficient system of church-placement, and so hold many of our ablest men who are lost because of the difficulty of professional adjustment. We must discover how to enlist our stronger laymen in denominational activities. The type of delegate too frequently found at our Associations and Conferences is neither worthy the dignity of the Church nor capable of dealing adequately with the problems before us.*

*We can not do this without a program geared to modern life. The 11 A.M. hour on Sunday does not mesh with the week-end activities of our people. We must experiment until we find a time which does. Long vacations break up the continuity of the religious appeal. We must discover a way to take the Church to the vacationers. Multitudes throng the streets rather than the sanctuaries. Perhaps we must be brave enough to use soap-boxes as well as the pulpits. The one task is to bring Christ to men and men to Christ!*

*We can not do this without developing a deeper devotional life in our membership. The Bible-studying, praying Christian has nearly disappeared from our churches. Yet our people are hungry for spiritual truth. Merely to urge them to read the Scriptures and pray, is not enough. We must teach the technique of devotion. The service rendered by "The Fellowship of Prayer" must be extended throughout the whole year. Directed Bible study—brief passages with short interpretations and simple prayers—inexpensively printed so there can be widespread distribution, would fill a profound need, and do more than anything else to assure the continuance of Congregationalism as a vital spiritual force.*

—NOEL J. BREED.

We welcome to our circle of Pacific readers a large number of new subscriptions which have come to us as a result of the Plan of Advance. Many of these received their first issue last month, and others will receive it this month. It is the sincere hope of the editors that the paper will be enjoyed by these new friends and that when the subscription has expired a year hence we will find that they have voluntarily placed their names on the list.

## VICTORY AND GRATITUDE

The Plan of Advance for Northern California has gone over the top. Yes, sir, it has. Right in the face of retrenchment and in spite of the depression. The people of the Congregational Churches of Northern California have said there should be no retreat. More than $8,200 was pledged to be paid in 1930, practically all of which has come in to the treasury. In addition, more than $500 will be paid in 1931. It was a splendid indication of the loyalty of our people. The officers of the Conference wish to express to the special promotional council, to the pastors and officials of the churches, to the individual donors, and to Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, their sincere gratitude for making the effort a success.

Whether it will enable the Conference to make an advance or not depends upon the last-minute remittances of regular benevolences from the churches. Some of our churches have been hit very hard this year but all are making a brave attempt to do their part. The indications are that only a few states in the union will do better than our own Conference. However, it is heartening to know that up to the end of November, apportionment receipts from the whole nation for foreign, home and state work, shows a gain of $10,000 over the receipts of the first eleven months of 1929. A church by church report will be made in The Pacific next month, which will show the regular apportionment receipts, the specials and the Plan of Advance contributions.

## Pastoral Conference

Rev. H. F. Swartz, D. D., President of the Pacific School of Religion, has announced the preliminary set-up for the program of the Pastoral Conference which will be held on February 10, 11 and 12:

"The evening lectures will be delivered by Dr. John H. Finley, formerly Commissioner of Education of the State of New York. He is now Editor-in-Chief of the New York Times and is widely known as a scholar and publicist.

"Among the speakers for the day sessions are Dr. Charles R. Zahniser, one of the secretaries of the Federal Council. He was the man who was really the active person in the famous Pittsburgh Survey of several years ago, which then was largely instrumental in leading to the Steel Survey in the Inter-Church World Movement. Dr. Zahniser is a man of notable value in practical coperative matters in the name of religion. The committee also announce Mr. Paul Blanshard, of the League of Industrial Democracy. Mr. Blanshard will speak on "Racketeering High and Low—A Social Interpretation," "Industrial Democracy in a Machine Age," and "International Economics and the Next War."

Dr. Swartz has been asked to give three addresses on conditions in the Orient and their implication to American religious movements.

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## Cheap But Good

The books from the Pastors' Book Club are beginning to come back to the office, signifying that they have completed their circuit. Some orders have come in for these books, which are to be sold at half price at the conclusion of the club, but there is still opportunity for others to secure these books at this saving. Below are listed those which have not been spoken for:

Two copies—Hough. Whither Christianity?

Two copies—Andrews. Mahatma Gandhi's Ideas.

Three copies—Horton. Theism and the Modern Mood.

Two copies—Dakin. Mrs. Eddy.

Four copies—Moffatt. The Day Before Yesterday.

One copy—Morrow. Tiger, Tiger.

Three copies—King. Behaviorism, a Battle Line.

One copy—Tolson. The Renaissance of Jesus.

Orders for these books will be filled as the books are returned. Those who have not sent in their orders but desire some of these books should notify the office at an early date.

## Bay Association

The annual meeting of the Bay Association will be held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Tuesday, January 13, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Gail Cleland, Ph. D., will be the moderator, Rev. Charles F. Clarke is the Registrar.

There will be the usual reports and business, with election of officers. Rev. Miles B. Fisher, D. D., will lead the devotional period. The Executive Secretary, Rev. Harley H. Gill, D. D. will speak on "What Does the Church Give Back." Rev. J. H. McCartney, the new pastor of Broadmoor, will speak. There will be three round-table conferences, one on Worship led by Rev. John W. Buckham, D. D., one on Preaching led by Rev. H. F. Swartz, D. D., and one on Advertising led by Rev. T. T. Giffen, D. D. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D. D., pastor of the entertaining church, will speak after dinner on the "Adventures of a Preacher." The evening address will be delivered by Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Stockton, on "The Christian Motive in Modern Missions."

Somebody made a weekly Pledge,
Testing his purse to the utmost edge;
Somebody paid it through the year,
Brightening the world with Christian Cheer.
Was that Somebody You?
—From the Eureka Church Bulletin.

# THOSE PROJECTS

Some of you who have been most actively engaged in the promotion of projects have probably met this question, "Why should we select projects when we know our money does not go to the project selected?" It is surprising how often this and kindred other objections are offered. Of late, perhaps because of the article which appeared recently in the Christian Century, we have heard it more often. We are constrained to suggest the following outline of the way your missionary dollars get to your projects. We have tried to explain it before in paragraph nine of the leaflet, "The Project Plan," which was published by the Commission on Missions last January. Evidently, we did not make it clear.

When a church selects its projects, the first step to take is to file such a selection in the Conference office. Subsequently, when you send in your benevolence apportionment gifts, all you need to say is, "This is to be applied to the support of our projects as on file in your office." The money is then automatically divided according to the state percentages—part goes to the American Board treasurer, part goes to the treasurer of the Home Boards, and part is retained in the state office. These amounts go into the general treasuries, from which in regular monthly installments, according to the budget (upon which projects are based), payments are made to all the projects. It happens that almost half of our money comes in from churches during the last two months of the year. What would the poor project do if he had to wait until December for his authorized support? The Boards and the state offices in good faith, because you have selected a definite part of the support of a group of missionaries, forwards the money in monthly payments to each missionary. Surely, by this method each missionary is getting the amount which you intend him to, plus the remainder of the budget item which your church may have been unable to supply. Of course, you are at perfect liberty to designate your gift, and such designations are rigidly followed, but think of the staff of bookkeepers which would be needed in every state and national office if every gift came in designated for each individual project!—Congregational State News (N. Y.)

## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

On December 19 our Conference office received from the National Board of Ministerial Relief a check for $769.50 as our share of the Christmas offering. The same day checks were mailed to our aged ministers and their widows who are receiving the help of our state relief fund. The contributors who so splendidly responded to the call will be glad to know that every minister received $63.00 and every widow $51.00. Just how much this means will be reflected by the brief quotations from the letters that poured into the office, expressing gratitude and joy:

"* * * the splendid Christmas gift. I thank you one and all for your great kindness during the past years and for the present gift."

"I do not seem to know just how to express my gratitude for this gift, but I do appreciate it very much. It is going to be of great help to me. I know my husband would be happy to know that aid has been given me at this time."

"The year just closing has been a difficult one; still we live, and it is sweet to live, serve and love. We thank you all heartily."

"* * * touched my soul to its depth. I felt what I cannot express, gratitude and appreciation."

"Words fail to express my deep gratitude for the generous Christmas present from the Ministerial Relief."

"Your very generous check was received this morning. Thank you very much."

"I received your kindly letter yesterday containing the very generous and kindly Christmas gift from the generous hearts that are truly motivated by the spirit of Christ. It touched the tenderest spot in my nature."

"O what cheer such a check brings to people, retired from the work so dear to them. To receive such an unexpected token of remembrance is like a cup of bliss that runneth over."

"Thank you very much * *. When one is passing though difficult times such a remembrance as this brings new courage and revivifying strength to face the battle."

"I wish you to know the gratitude we feel for the very liberal and helpful share of the Christmas contributions. I wish the kindly donors to this fund could in some way be assured of our appreciation and receive our thanks."

"Thank you and unknown contributors for the kind thought which winged your Christmas greeting and generous check. You and they may hardly know how much to some of us such an extra check means. Thank you and them. Wife had remarked, "They cannot send much these hard times," and had tears in her eyes when she saw the generous gift."

"Thank you one and all for the surprise check which I received from the 'Congregationalists of America'. It is greatly appreciated, not only for its commercial value, but also for the thoughts of so many loving friends."

"My heart is so full. I am so thankful. If all who have done this for me could only know how much it means to me, they would understand why I am so thankful and happy. It was said of the early Christians 'Behold, how they love one another.' It surely can be said today by this Christmas gift."

After months of speculation and prediction as to the outcome of the investigation of President Hoover's Law Enforcement Commission, the daily press now admits that the findings will be in favor of prohibition. No stone has been left unturned by the metropolitan papers to influence the public to believe that the report would favor the return of the liquor business. Never has there been a time when the dry forces in the country in general and the pulpit in particular should emphasize the advantages of prohibition as at this moment. A hundred thousand pulpits speaking at this moment, would do much for the cause.

# Cacoypa News

### EAST BAY RALLY

The East Bay Council of the Cacoypa (our Congregational Young People's Associations) sponsored a New Year's rally at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Tuesday, December 30, 1930. Besides the East Bay societies, delegates attended from more distant points as: Sacramento, Stockton, Petaluma and San Jose, the total attendance being approximately 100.

The program began with a dinner at 6:15, at which Miss Mary Coxhead of Fort Bidwell gave a brief report of her difficult and interesting work. Fowler Furze acted as toastmaster and Leslie Drury, president of Cacoypa, gave a brief announcement regarding the Asilomar Conference, and urged a large attendance.

Following the dinner, an organ recital was given in the church auditorium by Mrs. Ethel Whytal Miller, after which adjournment was had to the chapel where a worship service was ably conducted by Gordon Giffen, and an address was given by Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Stockton on "The Place of Jesus Christ in the Modern World." The evening concluded with a party in the social hall, which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Ted Dabagh is president of the East Bay Council which is made up of delegates of all the societies of all the East Bay churches. He and his committee are to be congratulated on the fine spirit and generally high tone of the rally.

Other rallies are planned for coming months.

### LOWER REDWOOD EMPIRE RALLY

A rally of the Young People of the Lower Redwood Empire District was held at Sebastopol Monday, December 29. "Jimmie" Price, our Conference promotion officer for Young People, being in charge. In the afternoon the group divided into three sections for discussion and conference under the direction of Mrs. Helen Price; Noel Breed, and J. J. Jones. This was followed by a talk on "The Youth Movement in India," by Rev. G. E. A.

At the dinner a roll call of groups showed 105 present. Guerneville and Fairfax deserve special mention—the first, our "Baby" society with a strong delegation, and Fairfax for bringing the largest delegation. The evening addresses by Dr. H. H. Gill and Miss Coxhead were very impressive and the whole program well worth while. Following the program, chairs were pushed back and a jolly good time was had in which Mrs. "Jimmie" Helen Price, assisted by Miss Orrill Atkinson were the presiding providences.

The group here favors the district idea for these rallies, since less than 90% of those in attendance would have gone to a great central rally.

### VALLEY RALLY

The young people of a dozen valley cities and towns will hold a rally at the Pioneer Memorial Church of Sacramento on Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11.

### OLIVET PASTOR RESIGNS

Just as The Pacific goes to press word comes that Rev. Charles F. Clarke, for four years pastor of Olivet Church, Oakland, has resigned. Mr. Clarke was formerly pastor at Fruitvale, Oakland. He is now registrar of the Bay Association and has frequently served the denomination in a most acceptable manner on boards and committees. Olivet will lose a splendid leader.

# NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

The Broadmoor Church of San Leandro has called as its pastor and leader, Rev. J. H. McCartney of Stockton. Mr. McCartney has held three prominent pastorates in the Disciples Church in California—Berkeley, Modesto and Stockton. During recent years he has come to feel that his usefulness would be greater in the Congregational denomination. Consequently, about a year ago he united with the First Congregational Church of Stockton, of which he has been a loyal and faithful member, while serving as the Executive Secretary of the Stockton Community Chest. He is a graduate of Hiram College, Ohio, has studied in the University of Chicago and Western Reserve University. For a time he was professor of Biblical Literature in Waynesville College, Pennsylvania. He comes to Broadmoor highly recommended as a preacher, pastor, organizer and young people's worker. Mrs. McCartney will ably assist her husband. She is now the president of the City Council of the P. T. A. of Stockton, and has been the president of the City Union of Women's Missionary Societies. They have one son eighteen years of age.

The Broadmoor church presents a splendid opportunity and both people and pastor are enthusiastic in their outlook for the future.

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The new Bethany Armenian Church of Oakland, is holding special New Year prayer meetings every night during the first week of January. At these services prayer is made for peace, for home and youth, for the Universal Church of Christ, and for the awakening of all Christians. These meetings are being attended by thirty-five to forty people. Rev. N. H. Yessayan has been called as pastor for a term of three years and has accepted.

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In spite of the loss to the Benicia church when the Southern Pacific bridge was completed, and the ferries and switch engines removed from the town, it appears that congregations are increasing. Rev. E. W. Houlding is leading the church in an advance effort which will make up for the loss which has been sustained.

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Rev. William Moll Case of Reno recently preached on the subject "Advent and Adventure." When one remembers Moffatt's translation and its reference to Christ as the Pioneer of Life, one can see the possibilities of a most helpful Christmas sermon in the theme.

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Rev. H. A. Kartozian reports an average congregation during the past month of 95, with a church membership of 68. How many of our churches can equal that record, with an attendance greater than the membership?

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Rev. James W. Price of Guerneville, reports 120 pastoral visits made during the month of December, besides preaching eight sermons and guiding the work of the young people. He brought a fine group of high school folks to the rally at Sebastopol.

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Rev. John T. Munton continues his active work in Calaveras County, having preached 15 sermons during December and having made 55 pastoral visits. Mrs. Munton has organized a Cradle Roll at Angel's Camp.

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Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, has been made a member of the Oakland Rotary Club.

Rev. Walter B. Williams presented his resignation as pastor of North Church, Berkeley, on Sunday morning, January 4. His action came as a surprise to the members, who keenly regret his leaving.

Mr. Williams came to North Church in October 1925, from Connecticut. During this time, in spite of heavy loss through death, the church has held its own and gained in members and in influence. The debt on the building has been paid off. Mr. Williams has given himself to the affairs of the denomination, serving as secretary of the Board of Directors of the Bay Association in a most acceptable manner. His ability and brotherliness have endeared him not only to his own congregation, but to pastors and members of other churches. His resignation is to take effect June 1.

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Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached Sunday morning, January 4, at San Quentin prison, through the invitation of Rev. H. A. Shuder, who is now the chaplain. Services are held by Catholic, Lutheran, Christian Scientist, Salvation Army, and Protestant representatives. The assembly hall is filled for practically every service. Mr. Shuder has organized the educational department of the prison with a staff of about 140 teachers. Classes are held in all subjects from primary to college. Not a few graduates of our great universities are on his faculty, although they are prisoners. There are now just a few under 5,000 in that institution.

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Miss Mary Coxhead, pastor of the white and Indian churches of Fort Bidwell, is the proud possessor of a new Ford coach. Part of the initial payment was provided by the Women's Association of the First Congregational church of San Francisco and part by the California Indian Association.

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Very enjoyable Christmas programs were presented by the Chinese Churches of Berkeley and San Francisco. Dr. B. C. Wong of Berkeley says that in 1930 the Christmas spirit was better shown than in any of the years past.

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Rev. William J. Minchin, former superintendent, and his family, are now located at Ben Lomond for a period of rest. He wishes to express to all his friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Rev. James Salmon of the Ocean View Church reports great interest in a six weeks study of the prohibition question. He believes that many of the prejudices which were once in the community regarding this question have been erased.

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### PROHIBITION SAVES MANY LIVES

**The decrease of alcoholic deaths since prohibition is conclusive evidence of a decline in the use of intoxicants, because bootleg and moonshine are more deadly than "good liquor."**

**The reports of the United States Bureau of Statistics show that the average number of alcoholic deaths per 100,000 population dropped from 5.2 for the eight years before prohibition to 2.8 for the eight years after, a decline of nearly half.**

**Christopher P. Connolly, in an article in the October number of Religious Education, computes from government figures that prohibition has saved Uncle Sam more lives than he lost in the World War.**

In spite of the prolonged illness of the pastor, Rev. William H. Youngman, the Cloverdale church has made splendid progress during the year. Much credit is due to the men who have supplied the pulpit: Rev. Harold S. Davidson and Rev. A. P. Orth. Both of these men have unselfishly and effectively come to the aid of the pastor and taken an interest in the work as though the pulpit were their own. There have been eighteen additions to the church, a net increase of 16. Benevolence gifts have increased, $40.00 was contributed to China famine relief, and three boxes of clothing sent to the Indians at Fort Bidwell. A tennis court has been completed and a club organized which takes care of the upkeep. The church school attendance has shown a decided increase over the last few months of 1929.

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Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka, reports that splendid work is being done by the Loleta Sunday School, under the leadership of Mrs. H. Hunter and her assistants. They purchased the supplies for the Table Bluff Christmas tree, sent gifts to the County Hospital and for the poor in Eureka. At Table Bluff there were 65 Indians present at the Christmas exercises, some of them in costume. It is expected that a new chapel will be built at Table Bluff through the efforts of the D. A. R. of Eureka.

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Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker at the Filipino Rizal celebration in Salinas on December 30. A fine group of young Filipinos, keenly interested in international questions, were present. Their affection for Mr. and Mrs. Royola is marked. One wonders what would happen to these boys if there were not some one at whose home they could drop in and find a bit of friendliness and good cheer.

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Rev. Charles H. Cleaves of Pilgrim Church, Oakland, reports the finest December during his pastorate, with excellent congregations which have carried over into the new year. In a little more than one week's time he visited every family in the church but three, and found all at home but six.

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The Pacific School of Religion will hold its opening service for the second semester on Monday evening, January 12. Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Stockton is to deliver the address, his subject being "The Crisis in Liberal Religion."

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Rev. P. F. Royola reports splendid attendance at his meetings in the Filipino camps because work has been slack and the boys always welcome such a gathering.

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### A DYING FIRE

A certain pastor felt very keenly the absence from the services of a once regular and faithful member. After some time had passed, he went straight to the home of the absentee and found him sitting before an open fire. Somewhat startled by the intrusion, the man hastily placed a chair for his visitor and then waited for the expected rebuke. But not a word did the minister say. Taking a seat before the fire, he silently took the tongs and lifting a glowing coal from the midst of its fellows, laid it by itself on the hearthstone. Remaining painfully silent, he watched the blaze die out. Then the truant murmured: "You needn't say a single word, sir, I'll be there next Sunday.—The Spire.

The Pioneer Memorial Church of Sacramento has a church song which will be sung on many church occasions as an expression of the loyalty of the members:

A toast to Pioneer let's sing,
Sing till the rafters ring
To the Church we all love so dear
Let every loyal booster sing.
Sing of all the happy hours
Spent with our friends so true
Sing for dear old Pioneer
The Church of all our hearts desire.
To the Church, to its friends,
To its loyal workers one and all,
To its school, to its choir.
To its faithful members both large and small,
To its clubs, and their friends,
The work they are doing both day and night,
To our pastor, and his wife,
For we know they will lead us just right.
Then!
To Pioneer let each one sing
Shout till the rafters ring,
Pioneer, dear Pioneer,
Your praises round the world we'll fling.

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Rev. Arthur Bunce is now located at 1351 No. El Molino Ave., Pasadena. For several years he has been under the care of physicians who will not yet permit his return to active work. He makes a special offer to Sunday School teachers and ministers of a cheaper edition of his little book "The Boy Who Wanted to Fly." The book consists of 36 talks to boys and girls, which he will send postage prepaid for $1.00.

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The Petaluma Church is to be congratulated. Evidently the members are determined to overlook the bugoboo of financial depression, for they have given their pastor, Dr. Noel J. Breed, an increase in salary, and have also increased their goal for missionary giving. The president of the Board of Trustees of the church recently caused to be printed a sermon by Dr. Breed on "What Is Right with the Church."

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The Bethany Circle of the Salida Church recently gave a concert of a very high order, with vocal and piano numbers and readings. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, was the leader in the enterprise.

As a result of a white Christmas, gifts were distributed among ten families, some of whom were quite destitute.

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The Fairfax Church, under the leadership of Rev. James H. Price, has accepted a reduction in missionary aid and an increase in benevolence for the year 1931. The church now has an orchestra of 15 pieces and a choir of young people.

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The Ocean View Church of San Francisco has completed the paying of a debt which has been crippling the church for many months, and is looking forward to real progress.

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Rev. A. P. Orth has been supplying the Fruitvale Church in a most acceptable manner.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

The Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California embraces all the Women's work of all the Congregational churches in Northern California. Women of the churches are automatically members of the Federation. The Federation is divided into various departments and from time to time mention will be made of the work of some of these departments. One of the most outstanding is the Social Service Department with Mrs. Chas. T. Tinker, as Secretary. This department has centered its effort this past year in trying to interest Women's Societies, to take both Home and Foreign quotas. Up to this time about two thirds of the societies were taking only Home work.

We feel our effort has succeeded for about sixty-five Foreign quotas have been sent out, as against thirty in previous years. Following are excerpts from two or three letters from the Foreign Field, showing how this work is appreciated.

From Adams Mission Station, Natal, South Africa:

"* * * How thankful we are for the nice things many of you sent during the year. At this time of the year they can be sent to these native children to good advantage and with telling effect because of the Christmas message that goes with them. Another reason we are so thankful for these boxes of gifts for the natives is that our circle of friends back home is constantly growing. Because of the interest displayed in that way we feel sure of the friendship and good will of many we shall hope to see when we are at home a few years hence.

From the Lintsing Memorial Hospital, Lintsing, Shantung, China:

"* * * We wish to thank you for the wonderful boxes sent to us. They were received in good condition, well labeled and carefully packed. All were received duty free. You will doubtless be interested to know the story of a woman who left the hospital yesterday, taking with her for her baby, some of the clothing which you sent. Her husband, a laboring man, was captured by a band of ferocious bandits and held as a worker, leaving his wife and two children destitute. The mother and children finally found their way to Lintsing to beg, and as time drew near for the birth of another child, the mother came to the hospital, where she received free care and an outfit for her baby. * * *

From Foochow, China:

"* * * Your lovely packages of sweaters and wristers came a few days ago and we are delighted with them. * * *

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13.—Bay Association. First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

January 19-22.—Midwinter Conference. First Congregational Church, Evanston, Ill.

January 29-30.—Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California. Annual meeting, North Church, Berkeley.

February 10-12. — Interdenominational Pastors' Conference. Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

June 25-July 2.—National Council of Congregational Churches. Seattle, Washington.

July 6-15.—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

July 11-16.—International Christian Endeavor Convention. San Francisco.

August 1-8.—Congregational Young People's Conference. Asilomar.

The Federation will hold its 8th Annual meeting in North Congregational Church, corner of Cedar and Walnut Streets, Berkeley, on January 29 and 30. The program is in the capable hands of Mrs. W. W. Ferrier of First Church, Berkeley, and promises to be one of importance. Mrs. Chester Marliave, president of the Women's Auxiliary of North Church will welcome the Federation and the ladies of the church will do all in their power to make the members of the Federation feel at home.

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The Thankoffering secretary, Mrs. Helen G. Byrne of Santa Cruz, sends a timely report on the partial returns of the Fall Thankoffering. To date twenty-two churches have sent in their report and the amounts total about $1,000.00. All women's organizations are urged to send their reports to Mrs. Byrne so a complete list may be compiled. The smaller churches seem to be more conscientious about sending the report promptly as many of the twenty-two already received are the smaller churches.

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An idea has been conceived for the establishing of a "traveling library" to be conducted by the Federation. This work has been placed in the hands of Mrs. M. G. Castor, and while plans are being formulated, they are not yet complete but will probably reach a working status shortly after the New Year. In the meantime many study books and volumes of like character are to be found at the Conference Office rooms, and are available to anyone sending for them.

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### WANTED A WORKER

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs men for His service. When God wants a worker He calls a worker. When He has work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth:

Moses was busy with the flocks of Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.

William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

John Milton was busy mastering classics.

Martin Luther was busy performing penance.

Roger Williams was busy as a stenographer.

Adoniram Judson was busy investigating religious truth.

Charles Spurgeon was busy as a teacher.

God never calls an idler into His service. The busy workers are the men God wants.—Selected.

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The first radio music to go out over KPO on Christmas morning was the program presented by the choir of Grace-Trinity Center Church, which began at 11:45 Christmas Eve.


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